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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following documents:

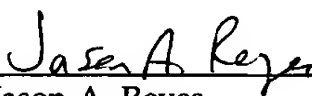
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not constitute a representation by Applicant that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents is material or constitutes "prior art." Applicant reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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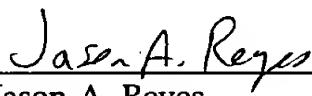
Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form with the next Patent Office communication.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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